

House Resolution 657

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd and Neal of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending A Child is Missing; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, A Child is Missing is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1996 and is based in
3 Fort Lauderdale, Florida; its mission is to provide assistance at no cost to law enforcement
4 agencies throughout the country in the search and recovery of missing children, the elderly,
5 many with Alzheimer's, and mentally challenged and disabled persons; and

6 WHEREAS, the service provided by A Child is Missing is a rapid response telephone system
7 that alerts residents in a targeted area of a missing child, or an elderly or disabled or mentally
8 challenged person, and has the capability of making 1,000 calls in 60 seconds during the
9 critical hours following a persons disappearance; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation
11 have established an excellent partnership with A Child is Missing in order to locate missing
12 persons in a safe and timely manner; and

13 WHEREAS, since 2003, 864 law enforcement officers from 189 agencies in Georgia have
14 been trained by A Child is Missing in the recovery of missing children and other persons; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout the United States, over 460 persons have been recovered utilizing
16 the A Child is Missing activation system of which 21 of those persons were from the state
17 of Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, that
19 members of this body commend A Child is Missing for providing an invaluable service to
20 the citizens of this State, recognize this outstanding service for the many lives it has helped
21 to save, and encourage all Georgia law enforcement officials to participate in this excellent
22 public safety project.

- 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representative is authorized
24 and directed to provide an appropriate copy of this resolution to A Child is Missing.